

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25 and add the following new claims:

26. (New) A method for forming a cracked lacquer on a surface, said method comprising:
- a) applying first a liquid composition comprising a lacquer and abinder to the surface;
 - b) applying a second composition comprising an activator onto the first coat while the first coat is still in a liquid state;
 - c) exposing the second composition to heat or air flow to initiate hardening.
27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the activator is a glaze.
28. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the activator is a water-soluble acrylate.
29. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the lacquer is water-soluble.
30. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the lacquer is a solvent.
31. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the second composition is heated to a temperature above 90°C over in about 5 seconds.
32. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the second composition is exposed to an air flow of at least 0.4 bar.
33. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of derivatives of natural oils; reaction products of unsaturated acids and alcohols; reaction products of saturated acids and alcohols, synthetic resins of phenols, urea, melamine, acrylic acid, styrene, ketones, aldehydes, amines, silicon and terpealhydrocarbos; polyvinyl compounds; organometalic compounds; polymethane

and polycarbamides; epoxy resins; nitrocellulose and cellulose compounds; and rubber and rubber derivatives; and mixtures thereof.

34. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the surface is further treated with a soft lacquer.
35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the soft lacquer contains a fragrance.
36. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the first composition has a pH in the range of about 7.8 to 8.0.